

U.S. National Stage Appl.  
Based on PCT/EP03/04087  
Preliminary Amendment

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend page 1, before Technical Field as follows:

This application is a 371 U.S. national stage application of international application PCT/EP03/04087 filed April 17, 2003, which claims priority of German patent application 102 17 559.4 filed April 19, 2002.

Please delete page 1, lines 2-5.

After Technical Field on page 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

DEVICE FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE INTRAVASCULAR AORTIC VALVE EXTRACTION The present invention relates to a device for minimally invasive intravascular aortic valve extraction (PAVA = percutaneous aortic valve ablation) inside the human aorta.

Please amend page 5, line 11, to delete “(For the USA)”

Please delete page 5, lines 13-16.